

IN HONOR OF MAYOR AND MRS. AL CAPPUCCILLI ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, AUGUST 11, 2001

### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 1, 2001*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friends, Al and Tavi Cappuccilli, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

I have been impressed by a number of the Cappuccilli's accomplishments and achievements, but none reflects more highly upon them than the love and success of their five children and seven grandchildren. I have observed the affection and time Al and Tavi have spent and spend with their children, and how confident and well rounded they are as a result. The Cappuccilli's now delight in lavishing the same kind of attention on their grandchildren. Al and Tavi have done such a superb job of making their family their most important priority, that now the Cappuccilli children and grandchildren come home every Christmas Eve, without fail, to celebrate "the real Christmas".

I am pleased to say that the Cappuccilli's have not confined their magnanimity to their children and family. Al and Tavi have faithfully and dutifully supported the Monroe community in a myriad different ways. For 23 years, Al was the Executive Director of the Monroe County United Way, where he was instrumental in establishing the Monroe County Food Bank in the early 1980s. Most recently, as Mayor, Al has presided over 10 years of growth and considerable progress.

Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, August 11, 2001, Al and Tavi Cappuccilli will return to the same church in which they were wed, and to which they have continued to belong, to renew the wedding vows they made to each other 50 years ago. On this momentous occasion, I wish to express my heartfelt esteem and congratulations to a wonderful couple who stand as a loving example for an entire community.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ATLANTA STUDENT CHOIR

### HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 1, 2001*

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to welcome the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Celebration Student Choir to our Nation's Capital.

Tomorrow, in the Cannon caucus room, the choir will perform for the House of Representatives Bipartisan Prayer Breakfast. The Celebration Student Choir consists of one hundred members, ranging in age from 13 to 18. The student choir is under the directorship of Reverend Chester Whisonant.

The First Baptist Church of Atlanta has enjoyed the teaching and leadership of its current pastor Dr. Charles Stanley for 32 years. Dr. Stanley's TV ministry, "In Touch" can be seen in virtually every country of the world. We are indeed honored to have this renowned

choir perform for the members of the United States House of Representatives.

### HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2001*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, this Congress can and should outlaw the practice of human cloning. No pressing need exists to allow such cloning, and I believe it is appropriate for Congress to make the practice illegal.

However, I cannot support the overbroad approach taken by H.R. 2505. This legislation goes beyond banning reproductive cloning to ban research in somatic cell nuclear transfer. The result is that the bill would cut off scientific developments that are granting new hope to millions of Americans who have been told there is no cure. Without the use of nuclear transfer, these stem cell developments will likely remain in the laboratory and will not be used to help patients.

If H.R. 2505 were to pass into law in its present form it would be difficult, if not impossible, for our nation to benefit from stem cell research that is currently ongoing or that would take place in the future. This is because the only practical means of developing breakthroughs in stem cell research into treatments is through the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer. The bill prohibits the importation of safe and effective medical treatments, and it would use criminal law to interfere with the scientific progress.

Almost every Member of Congress, including myself, agrees that human cloning is unsafe and unethical and should be prohibited. However, I believe the manner in which H.R. 2505 is written would extend the bill's prohibitions far beyond the goal of banning human cloning and would prevent our citizens from benefitting from ongoing or prospective scientific discoveries.

### HISPANIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 1, 2001*

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, I was delighted to be given a chance to send my congratulations to the winners of the Hispanic Recognition Awards which are going to be held on August 3 in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The Hispanic Recognition Awards Committee has assembled a very diverse and valuable group of individuals and institutions to receive well merited recognition for their work in helping preserve Latino culture and values in the framework of our national unity. I am delighted to have a chance to share with my colleagues the work of this important organization and I ask that the names of the award winners be printed here so that they may get the recognition to which they are entitled.

### HISPANIC RECOGNITION AWARDS

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HONORED AT THE EVENT

Organization of Latinos in Action—For their dedicated work educating the Latino

Community in leadership and citizen's participation.

Brockton Hispanic Festival—For their years of service in the cultural arena.

Sabor Latino Car Club—For their enthusiasm and dedication to the youth and community issues.

Poder 1110 Radio Station—For their dedication and service in communications to the Latino Community.

New Bedford Housing Authority—For their services, support and dedication to provide quality-affordable housing to Hispanics and the very estimable support to Latino organizations.

YWCA Southeastern Massachusetts—For their services, support and dedication to provide education to Hispanics and their very estimable support to Latino organizations.

Rev. Miguel and Mary Gonzalez—For their years of service as leaders, teachers and role models for all the citizens of New Bedford.

Benjamin Cruz—For his dedication and leadership in favor of the Latino Community of Brockton.

Jose Torres—For his dedication and leadership in favor of the Latino Community of Taunton.

Jarrett T. Barrios—For his demonstrated leadership and support in favor of the Latino Community.

Officer Osvaldo Alers—For his service as police officer and a role model.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RANDY JURADO ERTLL

### HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, August 1, 2001*

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my Communications Director, Randy Jurado Ertll, who is leaving today to resume his work on immigration and community issues in the Los Angeles area.

Randy, who was born in the United States and spent his early years in El Salvador, moved to the Los Angeles area as a young boy. After graduating from Occidental College, Randy returned to El Salvador to research the Salvadoran economic system and find ways to promote financial stability amongst the countries' small businesses.

Once he returned to the United States, Randy continued to promote the well-being of the Salvadoran community by co-founding the Salvadoran American Political Action Committee. The PAC seeks to endorse and support candidates for political office who will promote the political and economic well-being of the Salvadoran American/Latino Community in the United States.

In 1996, Randy joined the California League of Conservation Voters as a new voter organizer, working to increase Latino voter turnout and educate new voters on environmental issues. He also became a regular editorial contributor on educational, environmental and political dealings to La Opinion, the largest Spanish newspaper in the United States.

After gaining considerable experience with the Southern California media industry, Randy joined my staff last year as the Communications Director. Given his personal knowledge with immigration issues, he also tackled this important issue for my Congressional office, including serving as my staff liaison to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.